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Meadow Hill Orchestra students perform world premiere of composition by Stephen Wood

The Meadow Hill Orchestra, led by Mr. Michael Johns, will perform the world premiere of a three-movement work composed by Stephen Wood at their end of the year concert Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

Wood, a wilderness music composer, recently spent two weeks in the Bob Marshall Wilderness Area composing the music. He has created this three-movement work specifically for the Meadow Hill orchestra students to perform. In addition to the concert, Mr. Wood will bring Steve Archibald from the Arthur Carhart Wilderness Training Center to speak with classes at Meadow Hill and at C.S. Porter Middle Schools.

"Mr. Wood is excited to join us in the music and science classrooms. Steve is an exceptional educator and outreach interpreter for Wilderness, he's a national figure. They will be giving lectures tying together wilderness conservation, humanities, and arts to our eighth grade students," noted Mr. Johns.

MCPS supports the integration of the arts into core curriculum to increase student engagement and academic achievement.

The concert will be held at Meadow Hill Middle School at 2510 Central Avenue on Thursday May 28th at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. The performance will include the world premiere of Stephen Wood's works and a brief lecture and slide show of his experiences in the Bob Marshall and other wilderness areas.

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